

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/520,127

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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Art Unit

2834

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 6/21/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-13.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 1/3/2005
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

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Examiner's Amendment

1. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Stephen Maebius on 1/7/2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

Specification page 4, line 3, replace "2bis" with --2a--.

Claim 2, line 3, delete "rotating".

Claims 5 and 6, replace "magnet" with --magnetized part--.

Drawings

2. The drawings were received on 1/3/2005 are accepted.

Information Disclosure Statement

3. The examiner notes the two foreign references cited in the IDS dated 1/3/2005 where not provided by the applicant. The references have been considered as cited on the USPTO 892.
4. The information disclosure statement filed 1/3/2005 fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2), which requires a legible copy of each cited foreign patent document; each non-patent literature publication or that portion which caused it to be listed; and all other information or that portion which caused it to be listed. It has been placed in the application file, but the information referred to therein has not been considered.

Reasons for Allowance

5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art does not teach an electric actuator or generator having an active part and a passive part which are free to move in respect to each other, where the active part includes : one or several phases connected to an electrical source or load, the active part including a global solenoid winding for each phase and a stack of ferromagnetic or non-magnetic parts and magnetized parts inside the windings where the magnetized parts have magnetization directions parallel to the relative displacement direction and successive magnetization directions opposite to each other, the ferromagnetic or non-magnetic parts of the stack have passages that each carrying at least one element free to slide with respect to the active part, the passive part includes : sliding rods each with a succession of alternating magnetic portions and non-magnetic portions arranged to be facing the different magnetized or non-magnetized parts of the stack one after the other such that an alternating magnetic flux is generated in the winding in each phase and where the passages formed in the ferromagnetic or non-magnetic parts of the stack form orifices with an internal section that surrounds a sliding element, where each rod has an external periphery complementary to the internal section of the orifices through which they pass, wherein each rod interacts magnetically with the ferromagnetic or non-magnetic part through which its external periphery passes.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Karl I.E. Tamai whose telephone number is (571) 272 - 2036.

The examiner can be normally contacted on Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Darren Schuberg, can be reached at (571) 272 - 2044. The facsimile number for the Group is (571) 273 - 8300.

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